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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks.

Claim 1 has been amended to limit a number of the activated catalyst to one catalyst. Examples are presented in tables 1-3 on pages 29-31, respectively, of the specification. Accordingly, claim 10 has been canceled, and claims 6 and 8 have been amended editorially. Claim 14 has been amended to include only activated platinum catalyst as supported by examples 17-18 and 29 in tables 2-3 on pages 30-31, respectively, of the specification. Claim 11 has been amended to limit the activated catalyst to only palladium carbon catalyst as supported by examples 16 and 21-23 in table 30 of the specification. Claim 15, which includes only platinum carbon catalyst, has been added as supported by examples 17-18 in table 2 on page 30 of the specification.

In view of the above, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

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